

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NANCE ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION, PO BOX 7168  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/02/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP

BILLINGS, MT 59103-7168

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (A) or (D)  | Price       |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value   | 07/02/2007                           |  | J(1)                           | V   | 207   | A  |   | \$ 31.127   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 764,617 (2) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NANCE ROBERT L<br>NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION<br>PO BOX 7168<br>BILLINGS, MT 59103-7168 |               |           | Sr. VP  |       |

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 08/30/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mr. Nance purchased 207 shares of the issuer's common stock on July 2, 2007, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Total includes 4,000 shares held of record by Ronan, Inc., a corporation controlled by Mr. Nance, 85,104 shares held of record by Robert
- (2) L. Nance TTEE for Robert S. Nance Financial Mgt. Trust, of which Mr. Nance is the trustee, 126,700 shares held by Mr. Nance's spouse and 20,093 shares held in joint tenancy with Mr. Nance's spouse.

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